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We have tried our hand at a further redo of the revised working paper on "Draft Principles, Procedures and Interim Steps," taking account of the principal specific suggestions made by FRG and other Allies. We have, however, not included a revision of the section on "Technical Commissions" between West and East Germany (Section 2b) since this was a matter put forward by the Germans at Lausanne and discussed between us. We have assumed that this still stands in spite of the apparent retraction following the excitement in Bonn weekend before last. As the paper now stands it seems to us while utilizing a certain amount of Soviet language from the Geneva talks, to contain no real substantive changes from the "Draft Principles" paper tabled at Geneva and provided to the Germans at the time. The only substantive additions are on questions which drew no objections from the FRG in the revised version given Geneva, specifically (1) the final paragraph of Section I, "Berlin," which

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reflects suggestions previously made by Mayor Brandt and which have an all-Berlin connotation, and (2) the final sentence of Section 5 which implies that future progress toward agreement might lead to occasional "summit" meetings.

We have still not decided at what point we might put forward this revised working paper. However it might well prove advisable in view of my prospective absence of two weeks at various Alliance meetings to give it to Dobrynin toward the end of this week in order to provide something for the Soviets to be considering and thus keep the ball in motion.

I am sending you the text of the revised paper in a separate telegram. I should appreciate your giving a copy personally to Schroeder and getting his reactions as rapidly as possible. You should tell him that I have no intention of putting forward the other paper on the International Access Authority, at least until I have had a chance to talk with him about this and the whole situation in Athens.

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